

POETRY

"Utah, Land of Pioneers"

Come, help us celebrate in Utah,
With pioneers of long ago,
Here valley streams and purple mountains
Are decked in grandeur down below,
Thank God today, for dear Utah,
For blessings everyone enjoys,
Pioneer days are here to remind us
Of all the trials and our joys.
Come raise our flag to salute our Utah,
For our loved ones here in the West.
(Chorus)
Utah, Utah, we love our homeland dear,
God bless Utah, land of the Pioneers.

Words and music by
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TIMPANOGOS

How beautiful is the break of day,
When sun's first rays appear
To cap Mount Timpanogos
As she lies serene and clear.

A symbol of the valley
An attraction in her own right,
The first to charm the visitor,
From dawn to dusk of night.

In springtime she is elegant.
Bathed by the winter snow
Her gown is green and azure blue,
Edged by the lake below.

How vane she is in autumn,
When she captures the artist bold
Who paints her regal beauty
In gown of vivid gold

Her beauty excels in winter,
Her name could be purity.
Attired now in robes of white,
She reigns in serenity.

By Orel Kuhni

CAREFUL WORDS

If you can't say something nice
Then don't say nothin' at all.
A mouth can cause ya' trouble
It can make you feel real small.
There are words that can be cheerie
There are words that can make you smile
When used with kind affection
Why, you'd go a second mile.
There's words that hurt your feelings
Some words that seem unkind
It's all in how you say them
That tells what's on your mind.
So always think good thoughts
And this saying you'll recall
"If you can't say something nice
Then, don't say nothin' at all."

By Donna M. Dayton

Timpanogos

The Chief had a young daughter, who was very beautiful. She was of age to be chosen. All the young girls of the tribe were blind-folded and given an opportunity to choose a pebble from a pottery dish. The young princess, Utahna, chose the black one. It was her fate to go upon the mountain.

All the tribesmen were sad and they wanted someone else to go instead. But she bade her friends good-bye and ascended the mountain, winding her way toward the highest peak.

When she reached the top she knelt in prayer, begging for rain, she held her arms out stretched. A young brave had seen her and followed her.

"Please do not jump," he said.

She thought he was the Great God Timpanogos. He lead her to a cave. Here they lived, because they had fallen in love.

One day he was attacked by a bear and injured. Because he was hurt, she knew he wasn't the Great God Timpanogos. She cared for him until he got well. Then she left one morning very early to ascend the mountain.

When the sun was up, she reached her arms out and leaped to the crags below. The young warrior gathered her broken body in his arms and carried her to the cave. Here the two hearts were made into one, as we can see the Great Heart of Timpanogos.

Legend - "Sleeping Lady"

TIMPANOGOS

Proud Timpanogos kissing the sky
Changing in beauty as the seasons roll by.
In winter garbed in a robe of snowy white
You are nature's most glorious sight.
In spring the birds about you gayly sing,
Your dashing waterfalls make the air with music ring.
In summer touched by the sun's setting ray
You fill the earth with beauty gay
In autumn Jack Frost lends a hand
To make you the greatest masterpiece in all the land.

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